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CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Monday, January 27, 2014, 01:00 PM

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Committee Meeting

Council Chambers

Called To Order The Committee Meetings were called to order.

Roll Call

Present:

Jack Weiss, Council Member, First Ward
Gene Knutson, Council Member, Second Ward
Cathy Lehman, Council Member, Third Ward
Pinky Vargas, Council Member, Fourth Ward
Terry Bornemann, Council Member, Fifth Ward
Michael Lilliquist, Council Member, Sixth Ward
Roxanne Murphy, Council Member, At Large

Excused:

PURPOSE

DISCUSSION

Finance and Personnel

Michael Lilliquist, Chair

Gene Knutson; Terry Bornemann

AB20279 1. Ordinance Repealing the B&O Tax Exception for Nonprofit Religious Healthcare Providers and Adopting Healthcare-Specific Deductions and Exemptions Contained in the Washington State B&O Tax Code

This item was moved to the Committee of the Whole by the Chair.

AB20280 2. Budget Appropriation of Two .5 FTEs in the Police Department

Presented by: Brian Heinrich, Executive Coordinator

Clifford Cook, Chief of Police

TB/GK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ML concurred.

Public Works / Public Safety

Terry Bornemann, Chair
Michael Lilliquist; Jack Weiss

AB20281 1. Port Security Grant Program - Fire Boat; Program Update

Presented by: Bill Newbold, Assistant Fire Chief
Eric Kohler, Fire Captain

INFORMATION ONLY.

AB20282 2. Enter into a Contract for the Purchase of Six Fire / Emergency Medical Service Basic Life Support Aid Cars

Presented by: Bill Newbold, Assistant Fire Chief
Brian Henshaw, Finance Director

INFORMATION ONLY.

Parks and Recreation

Roxanne Murphy, Chair
Pinky Vargas; Jack Weiss

AB20262 1. **Resolution of the City of Bellingham Adopting an Updated 2014 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Presented by: Leslie Bryson, Parks Design and Development Manager
Kelli Linville, Mayor

JW/ MOVED TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE LEVEL OF SERVICE OPTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

The motion carried 3 - 0.

JW/ MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT STAFF MOVE VAN WYCK TO PRIORITY 1.

The motion failed. 1-2, RM, PV opposed.

MIXED RECOMMENDATION.

JW/ MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED.

The motion carried 3-0.

AB20283 2. **Ordinance of the City of Bellingham Relating to the Land Use Planning and Updating Chapter 7 of the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan

Presented by: Leslie Bryson, Parks Design and Development Manager
Kelli Linville, Mayor

JW/ MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

The motion carried 3-0.

Committee Of The Whole

Cathy Lehman, Chair

Jack Weiss, Gene Knutson, Michael Lilliquist, Terry Bornemann, Pinky Vargas, Roxanne Murphy

AB20284 1. **Resolution Supporting Increased Safety Standards for Rail Tank Cars

Presented by: Brian Heinrich, Executive Coordinator
Kelli Linville, Mayor

ML/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE WORD "RAPID" BE INSERTED INTO THE RESOLVED SECTION TO READ: "THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM SUPPORTS THE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASED. . . "

The motion carried 7-0.

JW/ML MOVED TO RECOMMEND AMENDING THE 4TH WHEREAS TO INCLUDE "TRANSPORTATION CENTERS" FOLLOWING "RECREATION SITES." AND TO STRIKE "SEWAGE TREATMENT" AND REPLACE IT WITH "WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT".

The motion carried 7-0.

ML/JW MOVED TO RECOMMEND ADDING A NEW RESOLVED PARAGRAPH:

"WE FURTHER CALL UP FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN APPROPRIATE ENHANCED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY FOR RAIL TANK CARS WITH FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS".

The motion carried 7-0.

AB20279 1. Ordinance Repealing the B&O Tax Exception for Nonprofit Religious Healthcare Providers and Adopting Healthcare-Specific Deductions and Exemptions Contained in the Washington State B&O Tax Code

Presented by: Brian Henshaw, Finance Director
Chris Phillips, PeaceHealth's Director of Community Affairs
Kelli Linville, Mayor

GK/TB MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL. ML concurred.

AB20285 2. A Briefing on the Initiation of a Rental Registration Program

Presented by: Kelli Linville, Mayor
Jeff Thomas, Planning Director
Alan Marriner, Assistant City Attorney

JW/ML MOVED TO PLANNING COMMITTEE. The motion carried 6-0. GK excused.

3. Approval of City Council Committee and/or Special Meeting minutes

The December 9 Committee Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval

ML/JW MOVED APPROVAL. Motion carried 3-0-3. PV, CL and RM abstained. GK out of room.

The December 16 Committee Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval

ML/TB MOVED APPROVAL. Motion carried 4-0-2. PV and RM abstained. GK out of room.

The January 6 Committee Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval

JW/ML MOVED APPROVAL. Motion carried 6-0-0. GK out of room.

4. Old/New Business

Loitering laws

Jack Weiss requested the Administration look at loitering laws for downtown & Fairhaven and extending them across the whole city. Mayor Linville responded that the issue will be coming forward to Council in the next few months with a report from the Community Solutions Group. Terry Bornemann also wanted to make sure that other stakeholders were involved in this community group to represent others besides Administration and Police. Kelli Linville ensured Council that there were various stakeholders throughout the City and that they had been working very hard to come to Council with their recommendations. Cathy Lehman would like the presentation to be to the Committee of the Whole when it comes to Council.

Upcoming Meetings

Cathy Lehman reminded everyone of some upcoming meetings - Whatcom Unified Emergency Management is having a 2 hour session to orient current and newly appointed elected government officials to their role during emergency incidents; Growth Management Coordination Meeting that in the past has included the President and Planning Committee Chair to be held on February 4th 3:00-5:00 at the Whatcom County Courthouse, Conference Room 513. Council decided to keep it the same this year and that Cathy Lehman and Jack Weiss would be attending.

Retreat

Cathy Lehman brought up that the Council Retreat is on February 22, 2014. Gene Knutson will not be able to attend and opened the idea to the Council to see if they wanted to change the date. All agreed that they would

like to keep it the same date and proceed. Council President requested that all agenda items be sent to her as quickly as possible to form the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 PM.

Cathy Lehman, Council President

ATTEST: Legislative Assistant

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